

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 291
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Charter Communications on ten years of excellent service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable businesses whose employees have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to providing valuable services to the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1993, Charter Communications is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the nation's fourth largest broadband communications company, Charter Communications serves almost seven million customers in forty states, including Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications is dedicated to its concept of a "Wired World," in which everyone would be interconnected in a global network, providing immediate availability to information and resources anywhere in the world; and

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WHEREAS, in order to reach this goal, Charter Communications has invested \$3.5 billion in infrastructure upgrades, including hundreds of millions of dollars in improvements in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communication's dedication to the Wired World is demonstrated by its commitment to providing advanced broadband communication services in medium-sized markets, instead of simply concentrating on large market development; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications is a leader in providing easy-to-use, digital high-speed communication technology accessible to any individual or business, not just to technical wizards; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications has provided Tennessee, and particularly the Tri-Cities Region, with fully redundant, fiber-optic SONET technology to enhance economic development efforts and to help businesses realize the potential of broadband communication; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications has built two master control centers in Tennessee, representing a ten million dollar investment and ensuring that subscribers receive uninterrupted service, which is of particular benefit to industry; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications is dedicated to furthering the educational opportunities of our most valuable resource, our children; through its participation in the Cable in the Classroom program, more than 8,000 schools across the country receive free cable television and more than 540 hours of commercial-free educational programming a month; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications also provides free broadband Internet access to schools as part of the Cable's High Speed Education Connection program; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the communities it serves, Charter Communications provides free services to libraries, fire departments and police departments; the company also supports nonprofit groups by assisting with fund-raising programs and publicity; and

WHEREAS, Charter Communications has paved the way for the development and introduction of such advanced communication services as Video on Demand, High-Definition Television, Interactive channels providing up-to-date information services and high-speed broadband Internet access, scalable to meet either personal or business needs; and

WHEREAS, while maintaining its identity as a national company, Charter Communications never loses sight of its ties to local communities, as its employees live in the communities in which they work; its regional organization gives the company the ability to form relationships with communities and to respond more rapidly to the communities' needs, whether this response is through support of a local cultural group or through providing access to the latest technology; and

WHEREAS, the employees of Charter Communications are fully committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Charter Communications on its tenth anniversary and extend our best wishes for the continued success of this remarkable company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.